

Application No. 09/878,245

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the present application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remains under examination in the application are presented below. The claims are presented in ascending order and each includes one status identifier. Those claims not cancelled or withdrawn but amended by the current amendment utilize the following notations for amendment: 1. deleted matter is shown by strikethrough for six or more characters and double brackets for five or less characters; and 2. added matter is shown by underlining.

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15. (Previously Presented) An electronic prediction system for assessing a suitability of job applicants for an employer, the electronic prediction system comprising:

a plurality of terminals connected to the Internet and accessible by the applicants;

an applicant screening server connected through the Internet to the terminals, the applicant screening server having a testing computer program and storing test data;

a website identified by a uniform resource locator indicated in an employer job advertisement, the website configured to present application questions to the applicants at the terminals and to receive applicant responses entered at the terminals in response to presentation of the application questions, the application questions comprising:

requirements questions eliciting information on whether the applicants meet employment requirements; and

a set of validated questions validated by correlating job performance ratings of a plurality of hired workers with previous responses given by the workers to the application questions before the workers were hired, the set of validated questions being a short